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Some issues involved are:

- -- is the NIO/Warning to supplant regional NIOs in their substantive warning responsibilities?
- is a warning report to be an alternative current intelligence document?
- -- is a warning report to be issued routinely or exceptionally?
- is a regular review of potential warning issues appropriate for policy audience, or only for intelligence officials?
- -- will the regular publication of rather routine warning issues over time muffle the warning clarion, causing intelligence and policy officials to disregard warning when it is really needed?

I recommend:

- -- disapproval of NIO/W suggestion
- -- warning documents should not be routine
- NIO/Warning role to support DCI and NIOs in warning activities, not to displace them
- -- review DCI Directive

H. F. Hutchinson, Jr. Acting Chairman

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA:

Acting Chairman, NIC Vice Chairman, NIC

FROM:

Charles E. Allen

National Intelligence Officer for Warning

SUBJECT:

Enclosure

Distribution of Bi-Weekly Warning Report

1. My Bi-Weekly Warning Report has a very limited distribution because I view it as a mechanism for helping you to focus on true warning issues for the policy level. My intent is not to produce just another current intelligence document. Currently, the report, goes just to you, Bob Gates, Ed Heinz, Dick Kerr, and Dick Stolz. In addition, members of my staff hand-carry copies to Rear Admiral Brooks of DIA, to General Odom, and to the intelligence chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force. No copies are retained by these readers.

I believe this report would also be useful to senior policy officials, given its focus on warning of developments that could seriously affect US national security interests. I have considered broadening distribution to include John Negroponti, Mike Armacost, Rich Armitage ad Mort Abramowitz, but defer to you on whether you would like to have the report distributed to these officials.

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